

# BALKAN VENOUS FORUM



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**15<sup>th</sup> Balkan Venous Forum**

**To be provided at International Hotel, Varna – Golden Sands,  
Bulgaria, 12-15 June 2025**

## **Letter of Invitation**

**Dear Colleagues,  
Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Welcome to the 15th Balkan Venous Forum. BVF is a non-profit and non-governmental organization which brings together vascular surgeons, angiologists, dermatologists and phlebologists from all states of the Balkan region uniting members from 11 countries (in alphabetic order): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Greece, Hungary, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Türkiye. Our primary goal is to rapidly disseminate the latest scientific and methodological advancements across the Balkans and integrate them into the local therapeutic practices.

The main beneficiaries of our efforts are patients suffering from chronic venous diseases (CVD), lymphedema and their complications. Recent studies indicate that more than 30% of the adult population is affected by CVD and lymphedema is still a “hidden disease”.

Since our establishment in Belgrade 2010, the BVF has a tradition of organizing annual meetings with increasing interest and participation. Our previous meetings were held in: Belgrade (2010, 2013), Athens (2011, 2019), Istanbul (2012, 2018), Sofia (2014, 2021-online), Timisoara (2015, 2022), Budapest (2016, 2024), Ljubljana (2017, 2023).

Each year, the number and the quality of the scientific papers presented raise up significantly.

### **Our Future**

We are committed to continuing our teamwork, aiming to enhance our knowledge and capacities. This ongoing effort will contribute to reducing morbidity and its consequences across all our member states. We are eager to implement the most advanced treatment methods and technologies, as well as to face the great variety of oncoming challenges due to adopting Artificial Intelligence to medical practice.

**The 15th Balkan Venous Forum will be held at Hotel International,**

**June 12 – 15, 2025.**

**This event will focus on:**

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## **Chapter – UIP and UIA Visit the Balkans**

Key lectures

### **Chapter Diagnosis**

Diagnostics in phlebology

### **Chapter Therapy**

Thermal and nonthermal ablation  
Comprehension and Compression  
wound care Sclerotherapy

Medical therapy,  
Venoactive Drugs

### **Chapter - Other Topics**

Lymphatics and lipedema  
Phlebo – Ladies  
Law & Vascular surgery

### **Chapter Thrombosis**

Deep and Superficial vein thrombosis  
Post thrombotic syndrome treatment  
Cancer associated thrombosis  
Pregnancy and thrombosis  
Case reports.

### **Chapter – New Technologies and AI**

Presenting new products, treatment  
methods, and equipment, V- Registry.  
Types of Narrow AI and its potential in  
healthcare.  
Methods to test and verify diagnostics  
and treatment plans generated by  
autonomously acting AI.

### **QoL**

Clinical Scoring Systems and Value  
Based Health Care

We are honored to have invited **lectures who are Lead Experts from four continents** as follows: Sergio Giancesini, Athanasios Guianoukas, Daniela Radu, Tanja Rucigaj, Armando Mansilha, Vassil Chervenkov, Dimitar Petkov, Christos Karathanos, Pier Luigi Antignani, Zaza Lazarashvili, Oscar Botini, Ravul Jindal, Wassila Taha, Rashad Bishara, Kursat Bozkurt, Imre Bihari and others.

The keynote presentations, given by these distinguished professors, will discuss the future of Phlebology in Europe related to education, quality of care and policies.

We are convinced that this scientific event will be beneficial to all attendees and it will contribute to the more successful management of CVD and Lymphedema. Please, feel informed that the BVF has already applied for accreditation by the European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME®).

Thank you for your interest, participation and support.

On Behalf of the board:

**Elena Goranova – BVF Chair of the Meeting**

**Svetoslav Dimitrov – Head of Organization Committee**

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